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## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### SOME ASSIGNMENTS OF TEACHERS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Inspector-General Townsend's New  
Scheme—A Traveling  
Library.

All the members of the Board  
of Education were present at the  
meeting yesterday afternoon, ex-  
cept Mrs. Dillingham and H. M.  
von Holt.

After the reading of the minutes  
of last meeting, the Committee on  
Teachers presented the following  
recommendations of assignments  
of teachers, which were adopted:

Miss Frankie Eaton to be as-  
sistant in the Hilo Select School.

S. R. Dowdel to Makawao.

H. K. Oana to Waialua.

Miss Grace Sharpe to Lihue.

Miss Helen Kelsey to be prin-  
cipal at Kekaha and Miss Abbie

Gurney assistant.

Miss St. Clair Nicholson to Ha-  
napepe.

J. McCloskey to Olan.

Miss Julia Perry to the Fort  
street school, vice Miss May

Atkinson, resigned.

James Poai to Honokohau.

Eugene Capellas to Kealahau.

M. Soares to Koloa.

Miss Trinidad Marcos to Puna-  
luu.

Miss L. Cameron to Kaula-  
wela.

Inspector-General Townsend

presented the application of Mr.  
Burnette, employed by the Wash-  
ington Feed Company, to be given

a position to teach bookkeep-  
ing in the Night School. The

Board concluded that Mr. Light-  
foot did not need any assistance

at present.

Mr. Townsend then broached

one of his pet schemes to the  
Board. It is nothing more or  
less than the establishment of a

class of teachers who desire to  
take a course of higher pedagogy.

The scheme was prompted by the  
wish of a few teachers to take up  
advanced studies. The course

would extend over three years  
and be entirely voluntary. The

teachers would take up certain  
studies and text books each year,  
which he had already mapped out,

and at the end of the year  
would have to write a thesis of  
not less than 1000 or more than

3000 words on some one of the  
studies taken up. There would  
be no expense connected with the

scheme as the teachers would pur-  
chase their own books. It was

proposed to give a diploma or cer-  
tificate at the end of the three  
years' course, which would be of

no real value to the owner except  
to show diligence and additional  
qualifications in the higher

methods of teaching which would  
be taken into account by the  
Board in assigning positions. It

was proposed to start the first  
class within a week, and at the  
end of a year to start another, the

proposition being that each suc-  
ceeding class should be taught by  
the one before it. This would

make a continuous system of one  
class of teaching. He thought

the schools at large would receive  
material benefit by the adoption  
of this system, as well as the

teachers themselves. Having ex-  
plained his theory to the satis-  
faction of the Board Mr. Town-  
send said he hoped it would be

endorsed by them. Such endor-  
sement would have a good effect  
and act as a stimulant on the

teachers. If the Board con-  
cluded not to endorse it, the plan  
would be carried out by him as a

private one.

Minister Cooper thought favor-  
ably of it, as did the other mem-  
bers, and with the understanding

that the department was to be put  
to no expense in the matter a  
motion to endorse it was carried.

Inspector Townsend said he

had been looking over the books  
in his office with a view to as-  
sisting Rev. Mr. Birnie's propo-  
sition to establish a traveling school

library. The idea was to donate

the use of a library to a school  
for six months and then pass it  
on to another. He had picked  
out about 35 volumes belonging  
to the Board and requested per-  
mission to use them for the pur-  
pose. Granted.

Various applications and re-  
commendations for positions were  
referred to the Teacher's Com-  
mittee.

President Cooper asked the  
other two members of the special  
committee—Professor Alexander  
and Inspector Townsend—to in-  
vestigate certain charges of  
meddling, etc., against two

teachers if they were ready to re-  
port, saying for himself that he  
was ready to speak his mind on  
the matter at once. It appearing  
that the balance of the committee

was not ready yet, the matter went  
over to next week.

Louis Madaraz presented an  
application to be made superin-  
tendent of writing in the public  
schools, which was placed on file,  
there being no such position to

fill.

RENTED TO DUTY.

Result of Lawyer Macdonald's Appeal  
to President McKinley.

Lawyer S. J. Macdonald has

scored a rather singular triumph  
on behalf of a client in trouble.

It will be remembered that a few  
months ago, when the U. S. S.

Philadelphia's battalion was re-  
turning to the ship from shore

drill, Oscar J. Jensen, a blue-  
jacket, was clandestinely indulging

in a drink of soda water at the  
boat landing, when a lieutenant

with his sword struck the bottle  
out of his hand. Jensen made a

hasty remark to the effect that it  
was well for the officer that he

had on his uniform.

For that remark Jensen was

tried by Court-martial on the  
charge of disrespect to an officer.

He was allowed counsel in the  
person of Mr. Macdonald, but be-  
ing convicted notwithstanding

was sentenced to one year's con-  
finement in the "brig." Admiral

Beardslee exercised his prerogative  
by reducing the term of im-  
prisonment to six months.

Mr. Macdonald was not satis-  
fied with even this degree of  
clemency, but appealed directly

to the President of the United  
States in a letter, enclosing a full  
statement of the case on behalf of

his client.

President McKinley, amidst the  
multitude of his great duties,  
found time to consider the case of

the poor bluejacket caged away off  
in Honolulu. As the result of

his consideration, orders came by  
the steamer China's mail to restore

Bluejacket Jensen to duty.

Lawyer Macdonald in consequence  
feels the weight of a plume in his

hat.

SPECKELS BUYS PROPERTY.

Pays a Large Sum for a Market Street  
Business Lot.

Claus Spreckels purchased the

property adjoining the Montgo-  
mery Market on Market street

yesterday for \$70,000. The lot is

25 by 100 feet and is now covered

by a two-story frame building  
that will probably be removed in

the near future to make room  
for a more modern structure.

The seller was Mrs. C. F. Joy.—  
The Call.

Visited the Fair.

Clarence M. White saw on the

Hawaiian hotel register, after the  
China arrived, the name of an old

friend whom he had not seen for  
36 years. It was Webb Vincent,

a banker of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. White took him to see the  
Pali—and himself too, for he had

lived here 15 years without ever  
seeing that noble scenery. And

he is one of our leading poets, too,  
as well as a descriptive writer sur-  
passed by none. Oh, Clarence!

Wherefore wast thou born so  
tired?

Shotgun ammunition of all

kinds at the Pacific Cycle Co.,  
Fort street.

## CONTEST OVER REGISTRY

### SAILING OF STEAMSHIP CHINA IS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Government Warned It Will Be Re-  
sponsible for Damages—Writ of  
Mandamus Issued.

It was close to 12 o'clock noon  
today when the papers were com-  
pleted in Mr. Hartwell's office for

proceedings by writ of manda-  
mus to compel the Hawaiian Gov-  
ernment to grant a registry under

its flag to the P. M. S. S. China.  
No further deliberations, since  
the conclusion reported yesterday,

had been held by the Executive  
Council.

At Circuit Court chambers it

was learned that the writ, ad-  
dressed to James B. Castle, Col-  
lector General of Customs, was

signed by Judge Alfred Perry at  
11:55 and at once sent to the Mar-  
shal for service. The writ is re-  
turnable at 10 o'clock Monday.

A copy of the order to show cause  
was served on Collector General  
Castle at 1:30 p. m. by a mounted

patrolman who went out to Wai-  
kiki for the purpose.

The writ sets forth that on July

2 the steamer China, being at sea,  
and having a British register, and

owned by the China Steamship  
Company, Limited, of London,

was conveyed to petitioner, Geo.  
W. Macfarlane, by bill of sale of  
that date.

That thereupon, upon the appli-  
cation of petitioner to the Hawai-  
ian Consul in London, provisional

register as a Hawaiian vessel was  
granted to the steamship China.

That on August 5 petitioner

surrendered to the British Consul  
General at San Francisco the  
former British register of the

China, and caused said  
steamship to be put  
under the Hawaiian flag. That

the steamship is now at this port  
under the Hawaiian flag, and her  
ship articles are prepared accord-  
ingly.

That on the 11th of August pe-  
titioner made application to Jas.  
B. Castle, Collector-General of

Customs, in writing and under  
oath for a permanent Hawaiian  
registry.

That he is informed and be-  
lieves that the Collector General  
caused the said steamship to be

measured and her tonnage accu-  
rately ascertained, for the purpose

of the desired registry, and had  
notified the Minister of Foreign

Affairs of the application, and  
that the Minister had ascer-  
tained from Thos. Rain

Walker, British Vice-Consul,  
that no legal impediment exists to

a Hawaiian register for said  
steamship. It is not known

whether the Minister has commu-  
nicated such information to the

Collector General, but petitioner  
submits that, as it is a statutory  
duty for him to do so, the in-  
ference is that it has been done.

That the Ministers of Foreign  
Affairs and of Finance have stated  
that a registry would not be

granted. The reasons given are  
that the Minister of Foreign

Affairs had informed the United  
States Minister that no registers

to foreign built vessels would be  
granted, and it is claimed by the

Minister of Foreign Affairs that  
the petitioner is not the bona fide  
owner of the steamship China.

The writ concludes as follows:

"That unless said steamship  
shall receive such legal register  
the rights of her owners, insurers,

freighters, and others may be  
seriously imperilled and irrepara-  
ble damage may be done to those

concerned.

"Wherefore, the petitioner res-  
pectfully prays that an alternative  
writ of mandamus be issued to

said James B. Castle, Collector  
General of Customs, commanding  
him to register said steamship in

his office as a Hawaiian vessel  
and to issue to the petitioner on  
receipt of his bond a certificate

thereof, or to show cause to the

contrary within three days from  
the service hereof and of this  
writ."

Minister Cooper was leaving  
the Executive building at 12:35  
when a hackman reined up to him  
and presented him with a letter.

It was a notification from the  
attorney for Mr. Macfarlane that  
a petition for a writ of manda-  
mus had been filed in the Circuit  
Court.

In the meantime a notice had  
been posted on the blackboard of  
the Hawaiian hotel office, saying:

"The sailing of the steamship  
China for Yokohama and Hong  
kong is indefinitely postponed."

Mr. Macfarlane said yesterday  
afternoon that the Government was  
to be notified that it would be held  
responsible in due form for all

expenses incurred by detention of  
the steamship China from and  
after that day.

It is learned that the letter no-  
tifying the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of the petition for manda-  
mus also notifies him that the  
Government will be held responsi-  
ble for damages.

Meas. H. Hackfeld & Co.,  
agents of the China, have also  
notified the Government that they  
will hold it responsible for dam-  
ages accruing by detention of the  
steamship.

Capt. Seabury has also filed a  
protest for detention.

Minister Cooper was asked by  
a reporter if the Government  
would have any objection to grant-  
ing the China registry providing  
the United States Government

announced that it had no objec-  
tions. He answered:

"If the United States Govern-  
ment inform us that the registry  
would not be considered a viola-  
tion of our assurances in the mat-  
ter we should have no objection to  
granting it."

The law in the case, on which  
the Government relies, is as fol-  
lows:

Chapter 60, Section 988 of the  
Civil Code, which reads:

"No vessel shall be entitled to  
register in this Republic, or to be  
deemed a Hawaiian vessel, and

entitled to the privileges apper-  
taining thereto, unless such vessel  
be wholly owned by a citizen or

citizens of this Republic; provided,  
however, that any vessel fitted out  
for the prosecution of the whale

or seal fishery, may be registered  
in the name of any part owner  
of such vessel, actually domiciled  
in this Republic, whether a citizen

or not."

Sections 1000 and 1001, of the  
same chapter, provide for the  
method of acquiring a register for

a foreign vessel. The first says:

"Upon application being made  
for the registry of any foreign-  
built vessel, unless such vessel

shall have been sold under a judi-  
cial decree of some court of this  
Republic, the Collector-General

shall notify the Minister of For-  
eign Affairs of such application;

and it shall be the duty of said  
Minister to inquire, officially, of

the accredited representative, or  
Consul, if such there be in this

Republic, of the nation to which  
said vessel belongs, whether any  
legal impediment exists to her re-  
gistry; and upon receipt of a re-  
ply, he shall communicate the  
same to the Collector-General, for  
his guidance."

Section 1001 says:

"The Collector-General shall,  
upon ascertaining the tonnage of  
any vessel intended to be register-  
ed, and being satisfied that no  
legal impediment exists to her

registry, proceed to register the  
same in his office, as a Hawaiian  
vessel, and shall issue to the ap-  
plicant therefor a certificate of  
such registry in the following  
form, etc."

LETTER FROM MR. MACFARLANE.

The following communication  
explains itself:

EDITOR EVENING BULLETIN:—

Having read some so-called inter-  
views with myself concerning the  
steamship China, published in

some of the Honolulu newspapers,  
I desire to say that I have rigidly  
refrained from making any state-  
ments, whatsoever, upon the sub-  
ject, further than to mention the  
facts which now appear to be  
well known, that a provisional

register had been granted to the  
China by the Consul General in  
London on the 2d of July last be-  
fore he had received the direction  
from the Hawaiian Foreign Office  
to grant no more provisional  
registers, which direction was re-  
ceived July 9.

It appears that an assurance  
had been given at the end of June  
to the United States Minister on  
the subject, and I remarked that  
it was a technical point whether  
such assurance, until communi-  
cated to the consuls abroad, could be  
regarded as having any effect.

It may be proper also to say  
that I have not consented to any  
valuation of the steamer as a basis  
for the stamp duty required, and  
also that I have used no such ex-  
pressions as have been published  
to the effect that "the vessel should  
not turn a wheel until a perman-  
ent register is obtained," nor  
have I "declared with much gusto"

that "I should insist upon a per-  
manent register before the vessel  
left port." All my discussions  
upon the subject have been with  
my counsel and with the Cabinet  
Ministers.

Capt. Seabury desires me to

also deny that he has made any of  
the statements attributed to him.

G. W. MACFARLANE.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Good Audience to Witness the Per-  
formance of "Dad's Girl."

There was a much better audi-  
ence than usual at the Opera  
House last night and the frequent

applause brought forth showed  
that the rendition of the comedy  
of "Dad's Girl" was a satisfactory

one. Miss Katie Putnam in the  
character of Malvina Deekins

shone to even better advantage  
than usual, the strong scenes in  
the play giving her more scope  
for the display of dramatic abili-  
ty. The climax of the third act

was an especially strong one and  
in this Miss Putnam showed more  
dramatic